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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Junpei OGAWA et al.

Title: HIGH-STRENGTH
CONNECTING ROD AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING
SAME

Appl. No.: 10/771,522

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Examiner: Vinh LUONG

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §41.73, appellant requests an oral hearing.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

This request is timely because it is being made within two months from the date of the Examiner's answer.

A Petition for Extension of Time to Request an Oral Hearing is submitted concurrently herewith under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(b) (for patent applications) or 37 C.F.R. §1.550(c) (for reexamination proceedings). It is respectfully requested that an

extension of time be granted because sufficient cause has been shown and the requested extension is for a reasonable time.

Applicant claims small entity status. Thus, the fees of \$1,000.00 is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is noted below.

The fee of \$1,000.00 for this Request For Oral Hearing (37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(3)):

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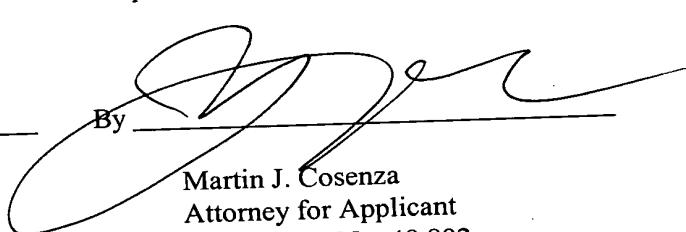
(One additional copy of this Request enclosed herewith)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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